

*A. speciosa* occurs in the temperate Himalayas and the plant merchants advised me that the tubers were imported to Britain from India via Holland. As the plant is nearly hardy in southern Britain and popular with gardeners, further records of *P. sexnotatus* might be expected in the future. Record cards in the British Museum (Nat. Hist.) indicate that the type specimen of *P. sexnotata* came from Darjeeling, and the B. M. collection includes specimens from several parts of India. My thanks are due to Dr. Gaden Robinson and Dr. John Bradley for their help in identifying this insect and providing access to the relevant museum records. Ref.: *R. H. S. Dictionary of Gardening*, vol. 1, 2nd edn., 1956. — P. J. BAKER, Mount Vale, The Drive, Virginia Water, Surrey.

LAGIA ATRIPES MULS. & GUIL. (COL.) IN THE NEW FOREST, ETC. — There seem to have been but few references to this beetle in our literature since it was added to our list by me in 1948 (*Ent. mon. Mag.*, 84: 287); the only one I have seen being in Buck, 1954, *Handb. Ident. Brit. Ins.*, 5 (9) : 3, where its differences from the common *L. hirta* L. are clearly set forth. (At the time of my record I had not seen the male.) *L. atripes* is now known to occur in a second East Kent locality — Ham Street Woods, where my late friend A. M. Masee first took it — besides the original one, Blean Woods. There are also two previously unpublished records for the New Forest, Hants., mentioned by Buck (*l.c.*) on my authority but without details, to which I would now draw attention. They were communicated by Dr. Masee and relate to a ♀ taken by him in New Park Inclosure, 27.v.38, and a ♂ by the late H. W. Daltry in Wilverley Inclosure, 3.vi.36. Both must previously have passed as large examples of *hirta*. The existence of the rarer species in Hampshire in the decade before it turned up in E. Kent is of interest in making the hypothesis of a recent arrival from the Continent far less likely than might have appeared originally.

In the year after bringing forward the species I received an interesting letter from Mr. Angus Fraser of Tankerton, near Whitstable, in which he reported having taken both sexes of *atripes* recently, not only at Blean but also at Tankerton, on the sea front on open waste ground, some 4 miles north of Blean. (There is no question here of mistaken identity, as the rest of the letter amply proves.) This last capture seems very strange for an insect that otherwise gives every indication of being an inhabitant of woodland; and unless others were noted there subsequently, affording evidence of breeding on the spot, I think they must be regarded as stragglers "out of their element". Almost certainly, by now, the beetle occurs in other E. Kent woods besides the two already noted. — A. A. ALLEN.

LARVAE OF ANARTA MYRTILLI L.: BEAUTIFUL YELLOW UNDERWING (LEP.: NOCTUIDAE) AND AN ADULT BOREUS HYEMALIS L. (NEUROPT.: BOREIIDAE) ON WINTER SNOW IN THE SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS. — During spring and summer months, the finding of insects on high altitude snow is a fairly regular occurrence both in the Scottish mountains and the Alps, though little has been written on the subject (see Masutti, L., 1979, *Insetti e nevi stagionale. Riflessioni su reperti relativi alle Alpi Carniche e Giulie.*